

Southeast Fisheries Science Center
75 Virginia Beach Drive
Miami, Florida 33149

January 1, 2007

Dear Dealer:

The Science and Research Director (SRD) of the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) has the responsibility of monitoring fishery quotas for the species in the Gulf shallow-water grouper, Gulf deep-water grouper, Gulf tilefish, and South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper fisheries. This authority can be found in 50 CFR 622.5(c) (3) (ii) and gives the SRD the authority to require dealers, when selected, to report purchases of these species. By copy of this letter, you have been selected to report the quantity, in pounds, that you purchase from fishermen during each reporting period until the quota has been reached. **A report is required for each reporting period (twice each month) even if you did not make any purchases. Please note that only those purchases made from a fisherman are to be reported. Do not report purchases made from other dealers or imported fish on this form.** The fishing season for all these management units opens on January 1 of each year and remains open until the quota or quotas have been reached. Please check the Fishery Regulations at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/> to make sure purchases can legally be made.

The Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) has provided several ways to fulfill your reporting requirements:

- 1) Use the online electronic form at <https://grunt.sefsc.noaa.gov/QMS/>. You will need a sign in name and password before you can start. See contact information below to set up an account.
- 2) You may Fax the reporting form to 305/361-4460.
- 3) Mail the completed reporting form to SEFSC at contact information below.

The DEALER QUOTA MONITORING REPORTING FORM must be submitted to SEFSC no later than 5 days following the end of the reporting period. Dealers can provide this information to a designated NMFS field agent; however, an arrangement for this reporting method has to be confirmed with the field agent.

In 2007, new forms were developed for combined reporting for the South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper complex and the Gulf of Mexico reef fish fisheries. Dealers selected to report purchases from either region will only have to submit one form. Combining the forms also allowed the standardization of the collection method in order to facilitate electronic reporting of these data at our quota monitoring website. Please note that *Atlantic snapper-grouper complex* are for landings only from the Atlantic side of Florida. This area includes south and east of US 1 in Monroe County and all counties northward along the east coast. *Gulf of Mexico reef fish fisheries* are for landings only from the Gulf side of Florida. This area includes north and west of US 1 in Monroe County and all counties westward.

Please send reports to: Michael Judge or Heather Balchowsky
National Marine Fisheries Service
PO Box 491500
Key Biscayne, FL 33149
FAX (305) 361-4460
Phone # (305) 361-4235 or (305) 361-4239

You are responsible for the delivery of the forms or entry of the data if you report electronically. **If your company does not handle these species during a reporting period you are still required to submit a signed form or report at the website that no purchases were made during the period.** These data are critical for the management of these species, and reporting will be closely monitored. If you do not comply with these requirements, your firm is potentially liable for administrative sanctions. We thank you for your anticipated compliance and hope that this system will allow you to efficiently provide the information that is required to monitor this fishery and comply with the regulations.

Sincerely yours,



Alex Chester
Science and Research Director (Acting)

DEALER REPORTING FOR COASTAL FISHERIES QUOTA MONITORING**BIWEEKLY REPORTING PERIOD:** ____ / ____ /2007 – ____ / ____ /2007

Reporting period 1 begins on the 1st day through the 15th day of the month. Period 2 begins on the 16th day through the last day of the month.
All forms must be submitted to SEFSC no later than 5 days following the end of the reporting period.

DEALER PERMIT NUMBER: _____**DEALER NAME:** _____**ADDRESS:** _____**CITY:** _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Write the amount (pounds) for each species purchased during the reporting Period. Please make sure you are reporting species caught in the Gulf on the Gulf side and species in the Atlantic on the Atlantic side. If no purchases were made, check the No purchases box.

**No Purchases for any of the below species were made during this period**

GULF REEF FISH FISHERIES		
SPECIES	WHOLE WEIGHT	GUTTED WEIGHT
GOM - Black Grouper:		
GOM - Gag Grouper:		
GOM - Red Grouper:		
GOM - Yellowfin Grouper:		
GOM - Scamp:		
GOM - Red Hind:		
GOM - Rock Hind:		
GOM - Yellowmouth Grouper:		
GOM - Snowy Grouper:		
GOM - Misty Grouper:		
GOM - Yellowedge Grouper:		
GOM - Warsaw Grouper:		
GOM - Speckled Hind:		
GOM - Tilefish:		
GOM - Goldface Tilefish:		
GOM - Blackline Tilefish:		
GOM - Blueline Tilefish:		

SOUTH ATLANTIC COMPLEX		
SPECIES	WHOLE WEIGHT	GUTTED WEIGHT
SA - Snowy Grouper:		
SA - Greater Amberjack:		
SA - Golden Tilefish:		
SA - Black Sea Bass:		
SA - Red Porgy:		
SA - Vermilion Snapper:		

REPORTING OPTIONS:

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Submitted by Name (please print) : _____ **Phone (please print) :** _____
Signature: _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / 2007

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this burden to Robert Sadler, National Marine Fisheries Service, 9721 Executive Center Dr., N., St. Petersburg, Florida 33702. This reporting authorized under 50 CFR 622.5(c)(3)(ii). Information submitted will be treated as confidential in accordance with NOAA Administrative Orders. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The NMFS requires this information for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. This data will be used to monitor the quotas for these fisheries.